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Subject: Re: Lisa Jackson remarks at NCAI...11.1.11 Tribal Issues???Fw: URGENT -- REPLY REQUESTED COB today 10/25/11
Attachments: R10 Tribal Hot Topics for RTOC-- Fall 2011.pdf; Overview of R10 Tribes, Tribal Program, and Issues Briefing Paper 26Aug102.doc; National Tribal Issues Raised by R10 Tribal Caucus 10.09.doc; Region 10 Tribal Programs; (embedded image)

Hi Adrienne!

I'm attaching the RTOC Tribal Hot Topics Specialists put together in September, 2 briefing papers on Tribes & Tribal Issues in R10, and I'm forwarding (below your original email) some Highlights of Alaska Tribal Work and Accomplishments we put together in early February. If anyone has anything else they think that Adrienne and Kris should mention, please let them know as soon as possible - fleek.adrienne@epa.gov, 907-271-6558 / carre.kristine@epa.gov, 503-326-7024.

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Subject: Lisa Jackson remarks at NCAI...11.1.11 Alaska Issues???Fw: URGENT -- REPLY REQUESTED COB today 10/25/11

Hey everyone,

Lisa Jackson is presenting at NCAI 11/1 and I've been asked by Sally to gather the Alaska Issues and send them to her by noon tomorrow, 10/26/11.

I've got a bunch of materials to go through and will forward but wanted to query if you had burning issues from your regions you would like me to include. If so could you please email the following to me by the COB today, 10/25/11?

Please include:

1. Overview of the issue/problem statement: how it affects Tribes/what their concern is
2. EPA solution/strategy--how do we/could we address the issue?

Thanks!

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Subject: Fw: URGENT -- REPLY REQUESTED

Hello!

Can you two work together to prepare a response to this AIEO request? If you get it to me by noon Wednesday, I will get it to AIEO before their COB.

I suggest presenting a couple of key issues from AK and L3.

Same thing for issues to include in her remarks.

If you have existing issue papers, please feel free to forward those as well.

thank you!

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Good morning,

Administrator Jackson will be speaking at the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) on November 1, 2011 at their Annual Convention in Portland, OR. Accordingly, we are asking for two items. First, in order to prepare her for questions, we are asking that you each submit a summary of the key tribal issues from your respective Region or program. Second, we are asking for a summary of issues that may be included in her remarks. Please submit these to David Jones (jones.david@epa.gov or by 202-564-4368) by COB October 26, 2011.

Thank you in advance for the quick turnaround!

Warmly,

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Subject: Re: Request from RA's office- AK Tribal Work and Accomplishments

Hi Sally!

The following are suggestions regarding AK Tribal work/accomplishments that could be highlighted in Dennis' AFE address, as collected from ETPA, and provided by other offices in response to your request. Many thanks to Jill, Mary, and Kristin! Note that to my knowledge, no highlights have been received yet from ECL, OCE, OEA, OMP, or ORC.

ETPA

Based on input received from Region 10 tribes and consistency with EPA's National Policy for Consultation and Coordination with Tribal Governments, R10 is finalizing the 2nd Draft R10 Tribal Consultation Procedures. EPA will announce and fill R10's Tribal Consultation Specialist position soon, and the 2nd Draft Procedures will be shared for another round of tribal review and comment this spring.

In follow-up to the Climate Change Planning Sessions at this fall's R10 Tribal Leaders Summit in Juneau, R10 is working to finalize the FY11 Climate Change Action Plan. The Action Plan includes measurable steps EPA will take this fiscal year toward addressing tribal

climate change issues raised at the Summit. Copies of the Action Plan will be available on R10's Tribal Website soon.

R10's Regional Tribal Operations Committee is working to update the RTOC Strategic Plan. Congratulations to Violet Yeaton and Rose Kalistook who were recently re-elected to the RTOC's Alaska Tribal Positions 1 and 2.

In FY11, 10 EPA Tribal Coordinators and more than \$23.3 million in Indian Environmental General Assistance (IGAP) Program funding are assisting 185 Alaska tribes and 14 Alaska tribal consortia in building environmental programs. With IGAP funding, Alaska tribes continue to make remarkable progress in building administrative, technical, communications, and solid and hazardous waste management capacity.

Through EPA's Peer Assistance Network, Tribes such as Port Graham Village Council, and Consortia such as Bristol Bay Native Association and Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association are working with tribes in their areas to assist in building grants management capacity. Through IGAP Special Projects, Tribal Consortia such as Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council, Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium, and the Kodiak Island Tribal Environmental Network are working to coordinate cooperative backhaul efforts.

EPA has convened a new inter-agency working group to address Alaska Native children's health issues. Cooperating agencies include HUD, ATSDR, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), USDA, the Denali Commission, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska Energy Authority, and the Northwest Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (NW PEHSU). The group has initiated a community-based Alaska Native Children's Environmental Health pilot project which will focus on one Alaska Native region.

Since 2001, over \$150,000 in Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) have been awarded to Alaska Native tribes and communities. Currently, EPA Environmental Justice funding is supporting: work by the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) on issues of subsistence practices and resources; work by Neighbor Works Anchorage on effective community involvement in NEPA; and work by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to develop a protocol for enhanced communication and involvement of Alaska Native tribes, and to provide cultural competence training for agency staff.

R10 continues to implement the North Slope Communication Protocol. This protocol serves as a guide for our programs in pursuing effective and meaningful communications with North Slope communities. EPA Project Managers, Tribal Coordinators, and Community Involvement/Public Affairs staff have devoted substantial time and resources to implementing the Protocol and ensuring community involvement in recent air and water permit actions.

In FY11, EPA's Alaska Tribal Multi Media grant program awarded \$218,000 each to RURAL CAP and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. These statewide service providers gave 15-20 sub-grants to rural Alaska communities for implementation demonstration projects. Examples of past successful projects include composting in Petersburg, plastics recycling in Native Village of Eyak, and dumpsite cleanup in the Native Village of Port Graham. These projects serve as positive examples that may benefit other tribes in implementing their environmental programs.

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Alaska Native Village Infrastructure Program: In 1995, when the Alaska Native Village Infrastructure program began, only 45% of the Alaska Native Village population had water and wastewater service; in 2010, 93% of the Alaska Native Village population has or has been funded for water and wastewater service. The emphasis now needs to be placed on sustaining these existing service as federal funding becomes more difficult to secure.

Beaufort and Chukchi Exploration NPDES General Permits Reissuance: EPA continues to follow through with our commitment to allow Tribal Governments, potentially affected communities, local leaders, and the public the opportunity to review and provide input to EPA on the Notices of Intent (NOIs) from industry requesting coverage under the existing Arctic Exploration NPDES GP. EPA continues to collect, review and incorporate Traditional Knowledge into permits, and to hold consultations with Tribal leaders, while also developing an Environmental Justice Framework for these GPs.

Cook Inlet NPDES General Permit Re-proposal: EPA shared the preliminary draft permit re-proposal of the less stringent permit limits and fact sheet with the Cook Inlet area tribes and invited the Tribes to initiate consultation. A conference call was held on Tuesday, January 25, to discuss tribal comments, questions, and concerns.

OAWT

We again partnered with Indian Health Service and Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to sponsor the 16th Annual Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management in October. This year's conference focused on solid waste, backhauling, air quality, and funding opportunities. The conference offers tribal organizations the chance to share and build solutions to environmental challenges in rural Alaskan communities.

We continued to sponsor an Alaska Tribal Solid Waste Liaison (Ted Jacobson) who travels the state to help villages make improvements at landfills and create safer waste systems. Since he started in 2007, Ted has visited over 50 villages, working with environmental staff, leaders and community members to reduce the risks of waste dumping and burning.

We funded hands-on training to household hazardous waste workers in village Alaska. The project reached over 20 villages this past year - helping them to identify, package and properly backhaul batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, e-waste, glycol and used oil for recycling and reuse.

During renewal of the RCRA permit for the US Coast Guard base in Kodiak, we consulted with the Sun'aq Tribe regarding cleanup of the site. The Sun'aq Tribe provided us with information about past practices at the site and their current concerns. The tribe's information will be used in the final permit.

Multimedia Alaska Tribal Air Toolkit, with the Clean Air, Healthy Villages video series, is now available to Alaska Tribes through a variety of media, including on a new R10 webpage devoted to "Air Quality in Alaska," in a Binder/Flash Drive version, on You Tube, and on upcoming DVD video version. This innovative outreach tool was developed by Region 10 to respond to requests heard from Tribes in Alaska for ways they could learn about and address the common sources of air pollution (indoor air, road dust, solid waste burning, wood smoke, and diesel emission) in their local communities. The videos have already been used at conferences and tribal meetings as focal points for discussion. The Toolkits are in high demand by tribal staff, leaders, and schools in Alaska Native Villages. There is an Alaska Tribal Air Exhibitor's table where order forms can be completed and submitted.

Indoor Air Quality Outreach for Homes and Schools in Alaska: For several years Region 10 has funded and worked with the Rural Alaska Community Action Program (RurAL CAP) to provide training on conducting indoor air quality outreach to increase awareness and promote healthy homes in rural Alaska through Americorps volunteers who come from and return to their home communities. To disseminate the popular Tools for Schools program in Alaska a collaborative initiative has begun among Alaska Tribes, the AK State Dept of Education, and Rural CAP, among others. These are only two of among several collaborative efforts underway in regard to indoor air quality concerns in Alaska homes and schools. Tools for Schools Kits can also be ordered at the Tribal Air Program's Exhibitor's Table.

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Hi Sally!

I think part of the difficulty is that while we're doing alot of great work in Alaska, much of it is capacity building, and we don't have alot of "wow" numbers to report in terms of funding. In any case, here's another shot at a few briefer and more awe inspiring bullets. HUGE thanks to Kristin, Jill, Justin, Wayne, and Dennis!

In 2011, more than \$23.3 million in Indian Environmental General Assistance Program funding will assist 185 Alaska tribes and 14 Alaska tribal consortia in building environmental programs to address the highest priority environmental and public health concerns in Alaska Native Villages and communities.

Since 1995, through the Alaska Native Village Infrastructure Program, more than 16,000 homes have received water and wastewater services. We have increased the number of households with access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation by 48%, and 93% of homes in Alaska Native Villages now have water and wastewater services.

Since 2008, EPA has awarded over \$2.5 million in diesel emission reduction grants in Alaska. Funding has supported after treatment retrofits for school buses, snowplows, refuse trucks, and generators; upgrading diesel locomotive engines; installing engine pre-heaters on buses and trucks; and heat recovery for rural village generators.

Since 2009, R10's Tribal Air Program has invested more than \$700,000 in air quality monitoring, mini-grants, education, and tools to improve air quality and health in tribal communities throughout the state.

Since 2007, EPA has funded the development of safe solid waste management plans for 41 Alaska tribes, reducing health threats from disease vectors, uncontrolled waste burning, and toxic contaminants.

Since 2008, EPA has partnered with Alaska Forum and the Alaska Solid Waste Association of North America to train Rural Alaska Landfill Operators, and to improve the safety and life of 46 village landfills.

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